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1. IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS INVOLVING LIBYA, USG APPROVAL FOR ITALIAN SALE OF ADDITIONAL APC'S TO LIBYA WOULD BE UNLIKELY.
2. EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE WHAT STEPS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY INFORMALLY TO COMMUNICATE THIS THOUGHT TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN ITALIAN FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTRIES.
3. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK TO DETER TANASSI (OR OTHERS) FROM RAISING THIS WITH US DURING HIS VISIT HERE SINCE OUR PROBABLE NEGATIVE RESPONSE WOULD PROVE EMBARRASSING TO BOTH SIDES. KISSINGER

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